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L.I: Compare the viewpoint of authors same topic.

In this essay I am going to be writing in support of killing cane toads. I have read many articles that have convinced me that cane toads are a pests which need to be destroyed. To ensure I give a balanced argument I will also talk about some of the reasons in which cane toads could be supported, however, the main viewpoint of this argument will be against these poisonous puss filled pests.

From my research into looking at cane toad articles, it is now obvious that cane toads are harmful to humans all around the world and they need to be eradicated. Even though we should like all animals equally, it could be agreed by many that by killing one species, you would end up saving a lot more.

Cane toads are disgusting warty animals. They were brought into Australia in the year 1935 to help protect cane sugar crops from cane beetles. Unfortunately, this plan didn't go as expected, instead the cane toads rapidly multiplied in numbers.

Why are they pests? Firstly they reproduce in huge numbers. "One single clutch by a cane toad can contain more than 30,000 at least three times more than native frogs." (Pearlman 2012). Moreover they are extremely difficult to kill. According to a BBC news report (2012) the toads have "no natural predators to kill them off."

It was really difficult to find research in support of cane toads. Although some people have different opinions about cane toads, for

example Sara Phillips says, "We accept that they are a menace and they need to be eradicated. However hitting them with golf clubs is inhumane and ineffective." (Phillips 2011)

The RSPCA then recommends that you put them "...in a freezer and the job is done humanely. (Phill Mercer, 2006)

It was obvious how unpopular they are from the difficulty of finding information in support of cane toads. This led to me concluding that cane toads are a pest and no matter how heart breaking it would be to destroy an animal's life, in this ~~case~~ unfortunate case it would be necessary.

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